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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Seoul Bureau--January 1982

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. North-South issues highlighted the bureau's file during the month. The ROK went on the offensive on the issue of national reunification with President Chon Tu-hwan again offering to establish contacts with DPRK leaders, hold a referendum on a unified constitution and convene a North-South consultative conference on unification. The expected DPRK rejection of his proposals came from Vice President Kim Il who nevertheless left the door open for future talks with current South Korean leaders. At a Military Armistice Commission meeting the UN Command invited the DPRK-CPV side to send observers to the upcoming ROK-U.S. combined military exercise "Team Spirit '82" which reportedly was received with derisive laughter. In South Korea the worsening economic situation led to a much-rumored but oft-denied cabinet shakeup with the appointment of a new prime minister, deputy prime minister and a total revamped economic team.
2. Following a recommendation by Okinawa Cruising Monitor [] [] it has been agreed to send bureau technician [] to Okinawa in the near future for 1 month of intensive training in cruising operations which may eventually lessen the need for annual staff TDY surveys at Seoul Bureau. The timing of [] training will depend on how quickly he can secure the necessary documentation for travel to Okinawa.
3. The bureau recently completed a survey of DPRK regional radio program content. The results basically confirm previous surveys which showed that little of value is broadcast by the regional media. A complete report is being pouched separately. In the near future we plan to sample and compare with central media the output of some of Pyongyang's international broadcasts and to reevaluate the content of the South Korean-supported radio "Echo of Hope" intended for North Korean listeners.

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B. Lateral Services

1. Responding to an ad hoc request from the local USICA Public Affairs Officer, bureau teletypists punched and transmitted to the State Department and USICA the four-take text of Ambassador Walker's 26 January speech to the American Women's Club of Korea entitled "Some Realities in United States-Korean Relations." The PAO requested FBIS assistance as Embassy C&R was unable to handle the text until the following day. The bureau has previously provided similar service to USICA on the proviso punching of our own traffic would take precedence.
2. On 13 January the Special Assistant to the Ambassador relayed an urgent request from UNC Senior member to the MAC Rear Admiral James Storms III, to check out a report that a Pyongyang Mandarin broadcast on 8 January allegedly stated that Kim Il-song will mark his 70th birthday in South Korea. Although FBIS does not monitor Pyongyang Mandarin programming, we informed him that it would be highly unlikely for the DPRK to carry such unique material on its international services.

C. Technical

Coverage of Pyongyang KCNA English RTT was adversely affected throughout the month by generally poor reception on both the late evening 1500 and early morning 2200 casts on both the relay from Okinawa and our own local printout.

II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Incoming Bureau Chief [] arrived on 20 January and, except for an unusual delay in getting his air freight released by ROK Customs, is just about settled in and oriented on life in Seoul. The new DCM, Paul Cleveland, arrived on the same flight. STAT
2. Chinese Unit Chief [] returned from maternity leave on 11 January. STAT
3. Efforts to recruit a suitable applicant to replace Chinese Monitor [] proceeded more smoothly than expected. Of the five applicants selected for testing, one appears very promising and has been offered the position pending completion of the necessary paperwork and processing. The successful candidate, [] is currently teaching [] We hope to have her EOD some time in April. STAT
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4. In line with the State Department's agreement to upgrade our monitors to Media Analysts, the following were promoted to FSN-9 on 10 January: Chinese Monitors [] and [] Korean Monitors [] and [] Bureau Editorial Assistant/Secretary [] was promoted to FSN-7 the same date.
5. Korean Monitor-Trainee [] successfully completed a period of intensive training in producing finished copy and was fully integrated into the regular unit rotation on 24 January, almost 6 months after EOD.
6. Three bureau teletypists -- half of the unit -- have submitted applications in response to a recent embassy vacancy notice for an FSN-6 visa clerk position in the consular section, which is one grade above their journeyman level of FSN-5.

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Attachment: Monthly Production Report

cc: Chief, Okinawa Bureau
Chief, Hong Kong Bureau

SEOUL BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR January, 1982I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	325,860
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	95,750
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	867

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	13,755 min.	4,470 min.	48 issues
III. <u>OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:</u> (publishable words per month)			

CHINA (PRC)	
Beijing in	
Korean to Korea	1,200
Changchun Jilin Provincial Service in	
Mandarin	12,720
Harbin Heilongjiang Provincial Service in	
Mandarin	8,220
Hohhot Nei Monggol Regional Service in	
Mandarin	4,240
Jinan Shandong Provincial Service in	
Mandarin	3,640
Lanzhou Gansu Provincial Service in	
Mandarin	4,780
Shenyang Liaoning Provincial Service in	
Mandarin	10,930
Tianjin City Service in	
Mandarin	1,080
Xining Qinghai Provincial Service in	
Mandarin	5,490

CLANDESTINE	
(Clandestine) Voice Of The Revolutionary	
Party For Reunification in	
Korean to South Korea	28,190

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
KOREA (NORTH)			
Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean	49,740		
Pyongyang KCNA in English		107,707	
KOREA (SOUTH)			
Seoul Domestic Service in Korean	4,510		
Seoul YONHAP in English		23,330	
Seoul CHOSON ILBO in Korean			1,390
Seoul CHUNGANG ILBO in Korean			850
Seoul HANGUK ILBO in Korean			1,520
Seoul KYONGHYANG SINMUN in Korean			850
Seoul SEOUL SINMUN in Korean			1,300
Seoul THE KOREA HERALD in English			26,810
Seoul THE KOREA TIMES in English			16,630
Seoul TONG-A ILBO in Korean			6,750
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow in Korean to Korea	3,990		